

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLUB

JANUARY 11, 1910

The annual meeting was called to order at the American Museum of Natural History at 8:30 P. M., with President Rusby in the chair. Eleven members were present.

After the reading and approval of the minutes of December 14, 1909, the following names were presented for membership:

Miss Gladys Pomeroy, 55 Broad St., Newark, N. J.; Miss L. H. Seely, 50 Gautier Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; and Prof. A. O. Garrett, 615 S. 9th East St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

The resignation of Miss Sarah A. Robinson, 239 East Houston St., New York City, was read and accepted.

The annual report of the treasurer was presented and on motion was received and referred to the auditing committee.

The secretary reported that fifteen meetings had been held during the year with a total attendance of 411, as against 463 in 1908, and an average attendance of twenty-seven, as against thirty last year. Six persons have been elected to membership, and fourteen resignations have been received and accepted.

Seven illustrated lectures were delivered during the season at which the combined attendance was 260.

The chairman of the program committee reported that the programs have been provided for as usual.

As delegate to the Council of the New York Academy of Sciences, Mr. Charles Louis Pollard stated that he had attended all but one meeting during the year.

The editor of *TORREYA* reported as follows for the year 1909: twelve numbers were issued, containing 284 pages including index to the volume, at a cost of \$449.21.

By reason of the absence of the editor and the chairman of the field committee, no reports were received from them.

Mr. Fred J. Seaver, chairman of the program committee, read the following communication signed by the members of this committee:

"We, the program committee of the Torrey Botanical Club, hereby recommend that a special fund be raised by private con-

tributions, to enable us to arrange for special lectures on popular subjects in botany, to be given on the second Tuesday evening of each month at the American Museum of Natural History and that the speakers be suitably recompensed for their services." Upon motion this recommendation was approved.

It was voted that a committee be appointed by the President to read over the minutes and consider the subject of the revision of the constitution and by-laws.

Election of officers for the year 1910 resulted as follows :

President, H. H. Rusby ; *vice-presidents*, Edward S. Burgess and John Hendley Barnhart ; *recording secretary*, Percy Wilson ; *editor*, Marshall Avery Howe ; *treasurer*, William Mansfield ; *associate editors*: John Hendley Barnhart, Jean Broadhurst, Philip Dowell, Alexander W. Evans, Tracy Elliot Hazen, William Alphonso Murrill, Charles Louis Pollard, and Herbert M. Richards.

Mr. Walter C. Cameron and Mr. Bernard O. Dodge were nominated for membership.

Adjourned.

PERCY WILSON,
Secretary

OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS

SUGGESTIONS FOR PLANT PHYSIOLOGY

BY G. E. STONE

Some time ago I received a letter from you with a question as to whether "physiological work in high school botany should be *more or less* quantitative," etc., and I am sending the following comment, although it may not be worthy of publication.

I do not feel familiar enough at the present time with the work of the high schools in botany to give an opinion as to how much time should be devoted to this subject, and whether it would be expedient to give it more time, since there is always complaint among citizens regarding the crowding of the public school curricula. If there were only a little time available for a course in physiological work in the high school it would be almost neces-